

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Feb 7, 2017

City of Madison Recreation Advisory Board Meeting met in regular session on Tuesday, February 7th, 2016 at 12:00pm at Dublin Park. The meeting was called to order at 12:06pm. Allison Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

In Attendance:

Kory Alfred, Director, Madison Parks and Recreation	Present
Jim Enault, RAB President	Present
Kelly Johnson, Program Director	Present
Gene Scherer, AYSO	Absent
Shawn Neil, WestCo	Present
Chris McFarland, MBA	Absent
Chris Lewis, MAA	Absent
Vickie Parker, Senior Center	Absent
Claudia Rice, MCDAB	Absent
Henrietta King, Madison Dolphins	Present
Robin Gregg, MCV	Present
Lisa Bath, Mayor Appointed	Present
Allison Wheeler, Greenway and Trails	Present
John Seifert, City Council	Present
Brian Givens	Absent
Taylor Edge	Absent

Kory Alfred – Palmer Park

Discussed the possible upgrading/expansion to the east and to the west of Palmer Park. Would like to have this group send in overview of our special projects to bring to council as a group. Such special projects to include additional restrooms, upgrading parking issues, traffic flow issues, etc. Asking group to go to your coaches and parents and discuss items for park improvements. Would like to keep it within the group instead of a public meeting. Rank projects in order. Bring ideas to the next board meeting. Be realistic in planning. Be sure to look at the large picture, bring a plan to go forward for Palmer Park in the next 20 years.

Would like to bring a consultant to the group for the next meeting to discuss the ideas.

John Seifert – how can we include greenways and trails into this master plan? If we could find a way to build and or design a multipurpose area and use it as a shelter as well. We want to look at what's down the road.

We should be bring down a vote for the swimming pool. Short term would be the bubble for the outdoor pool. Long term vision – where do we want to be with upcoming swim meets? Long term, gathering group together to meet the long term.

Question was asked about sidewalks? Yes. Access to MBA 0, 1 and 2? Yes. Kory stated #1 issue would be traffic flow as this is a safety issue.

Discussion concerning the front gates to Palmer Park. Hope to meet with contractor for this area. Will improve on opening both gates at Palmer Park.

Jim asked about the expansion to the east of Palmer Park. Areas to include additional soccer fields and another dog park. Kory will send an email to everyone showing the new possibilities of the park expansion. Kory stated the land to the west would be 40 acres and would be used for soccer. This area would free up for expansion to the handicap playground, more shelters, additional parking, etc. Could possibly see another entrance out of the park through this expansion. The city hopes to purchase this land.

Kory stated additional ideas to the group for this expansion/improvement areas. Jim – upgrade areas of the dog park. Volleyball – maybe some sand volleyball courts.

Update on Mill Road Trailhead – trying to get some additional parking and restrooms for this area so that you don't have to walk so far for the restroom. Stainless steel restrooms/concrete building. Drainage issues to take care of.

Miscellaneous:

Jim asked about an update on the pool. John stated the short term would possibly be the bubble. Hope the vote is on the agenda for the end of the month. Jim stated the agendas are not being published on the website.

Jim Enault - Wanting to know where the pickleball courts are at the senior center. Kory stated the courts are right next to the center.

Henrietta – no report

Shawn – no report

Kelly Johnson – no report

Lisa Bath – no report

Jim Enault – dog park is looking great. Volunteers are assisting with the mulch. Bought ties to attach to the fencing.

Since the water is shut off, we are bringing in water to the blue bins to help with the water issues.

Would like to have overhead cover at the dog park. Kory asked Jim to take a look at the covered area at Palmer Park playground.

Do we have a set up within the city to accept grant money? Kory stated the as long as the grant does not have any “ties” to it such as matching funds, we should be ok.

Allison Wheeler – no report

Robin Gregg – volleyball – registration is ongoing. Needing coaches. Coaches clinic coming soon.

Kory asked that all groups continue to work on their background checks and concussion certifications.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:38pm.